

TO REORGANIZE THE ARMY

A Senate Amendment Providing for a Lieutenant General.

A Provision Inserted Giving the Senior Major General Commanding This Rank—Radical Changes in the Method of Appointing Staff Officers—Disposition of the Artillery.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the military establishment of the United States was taken up for consideration in the Senate at this point. It proposes to change the present system of permanent appointments in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual process, as the officers now in those corps go out of active service. Officers, appointed to these staff corps under the present law are permanently separated from the line. This bill provides for the separation of officers exceeding four years, but allowing a redetail after going back to duty with troops for two years.

This ensures that the staff departments shall be in touch and harmony with the fighting branches. It does not change the status of any of the members of the present staffs or affect their duties or opportunities for promotion. This feature of the bill will not increase or diminish the total number of officers in the Army or affect their rank. The new system begins in each corps only when vacancies occur at the foot of the list and as all vacancies are to be filled by detail from the line, this insures a certain amount of knowledge of the fighting branches and the ground on the part of all staff officers coming into the departments affected.

The new system is not applied to the Corps of Engineers, Medical Department, Pay Department, or Judge Advocate General's Department. It discontinues the

regimental organization of the artillery, and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz: 126 batteries of coast artillery and eighteen batteries of field artillery. This change seems to meet with general favor, and the committee have

heard no objection to it. The regimental organization is not desirable, as a regiment of artillery being scattered in the defences along the coast could never be together. It effects a saving of forty-two company officers over what would be required for the same number of officers under a regimental organization.

The bill provides for 17,448 men, distributed as follows: One hundred and twenty-six batteries, of 113, 14,238 men, 16 field, of 162, 2,592 men; 2 sieges, of 145, 290 men; 10 bands, of 28, 280 men; regimental sergeant majors, 21 men; battalion sergeant majors, 27 men. Total, 17,448 men.

section 15 by making it read: "That the senior Major General Commanding the Army shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a Lieutenant general; and his personal staff shall have the rank, pay, and allowances authorized for the staff of a Lieutenant general."

Mr. Berry moved to strike out the section; remarking, that there was no necessity for the rank of lieutenant general.

Mr. Sewell opposed the amendment and eulogized General Miles as a man distinguished in every sense. General Miles, he said, had lost his great opportunity by the closing of the war. The United States had now an Army of 100,000 men. Such

an Army in Europe would have ten major generals, two lieutenant generals, one general and one field marshal.

Mr. Lodge sent to the clerk's desk and had read an extract from a report of General Hancock's in 1863, highly complimentary to General (then Colonel) Miles.

Mr. Teller opposed the motion, and said

The vote was taken on Mr. Berry's motion to strike out section 15 and it was defeated, yeas: 8; nays: 44.

Clay, Culbertson, Kenney Money, Vest—8.
Nays—Allison, Bacon, Baker, Bard, Burrows,
Chandler, Cockrell, Davis, Deboe, Elkins,
Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Faye, Gallinger,
Gear Hale Hanebrough, Harter, Hawley,
Hoar, Jones of Nevada, Kelley, Kyle, Lindsay,
Lodge, McComas, Mason, Nelson, Perkins,
Reid, Robinson, Rusk, Tamm, Thayer, Tilden,
Trotter, Underhill, Van Dusen, Venable, Wood.

Mr. Kenney offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing for a Veterinary Corps, with annual pay of \$33,000, and made an argument in support of it.

THE KEARSARGE AT NEWPORT.
New Battleship Ready to Secure Her
Torpedo Outfit.
NEWPORT, R. I., May 4.—The battle-
ship Kearsarge arrived here early this

The Kearsarge comes here for her torpedo outfit which will be put on board immediately.

It was learned at the Health Department this morning that one of the cases in the smallpox hospital had proved fatal.

Arthur Browning, who was removed from 1016 Twelfth Street southeast on April 17, died at the hospital about 9 o'clock. The burial was in Congressional Cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Browning was employed at the Navy Yard.

REV. DR. EASTON RETICENT.

He Refuses to Discuss the Suit of Actress Nethersole.

Rev. Dr. Easton, this morning positively refused to make any statement to the press concerning his alleged slander of the actress, Olga Nethersole, or in regard to

the libel suit instituted against him by her attorneys. He again declined to state whether he would make apology from the pulpit, nor would he acknowledge or deny the authenticity of an alleged interview with him printed in a morning paper.

Nicholas R. Buickie Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 4.—Nicholas R. Buickle, sixty-two years old, one of the most prominent citizens of Indiana, died this morning of heart failure. He was prominent in the Masonic order and the G. A. R.

Half of Reading's Carpenters Idle.
READING, Pa., May 1.—As a result of the carpenter's demand for a nine-hour day over one-half of the members of the Carpenters' Union are not working.

Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, good to return until Monday, May 7. All trains except Congressional Limited.

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